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## Allowable Subject Matter

- 1. Claims 14, 15, 17, and 18 are allowed.
- 2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claims 14, 15, 17, and 18 are allowed for the reasons pointed out by Applicant's remarks (page 9, last paragraph, page 10, first two paragraph).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

## Other Prior Art Cited

- 3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.
  - U.S. Patent No. 6499829 to Tabata et al disclose color image processor.
- U.S. Patent No. 5331440 to Kita et al disclose color image processor with black quantity determination.

## Conclusion

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